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Blackbeard's Ghost moves in to haunt Godolphin College!

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Some nice little old ladies are facing foreclosure of their inn . . .

When the ghost of Blackbeard the Pirate suddenly appears to offer his help!

To assist him with his plans, Blackbeard seeks aid from Godolphin College's coach . . .

And being invisible to all but the coach, he complicates things for the entire college.

Things go from bad to worse for the coach, and he is jailed with his pirate friend . . .

But not for long, for Blackbeard uses every ghostly trick in the book to save the day!

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AT AN ANCIENT INN ON THE COAST OF CAROLINA SOMETHING SEEMINGLY UNBELIEVABLE IS HAPPENING...

AVAST, YOU LUBBER! STAND AND GIVE HEED TO CAP'N EDWARD TEACH, WHO ONCE SCUTTLED MANY A PROUD SHIP!

BLACKBEARD... THE PIRATE! I SEE IT, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS! YOU CAN'T B-BE REAL!

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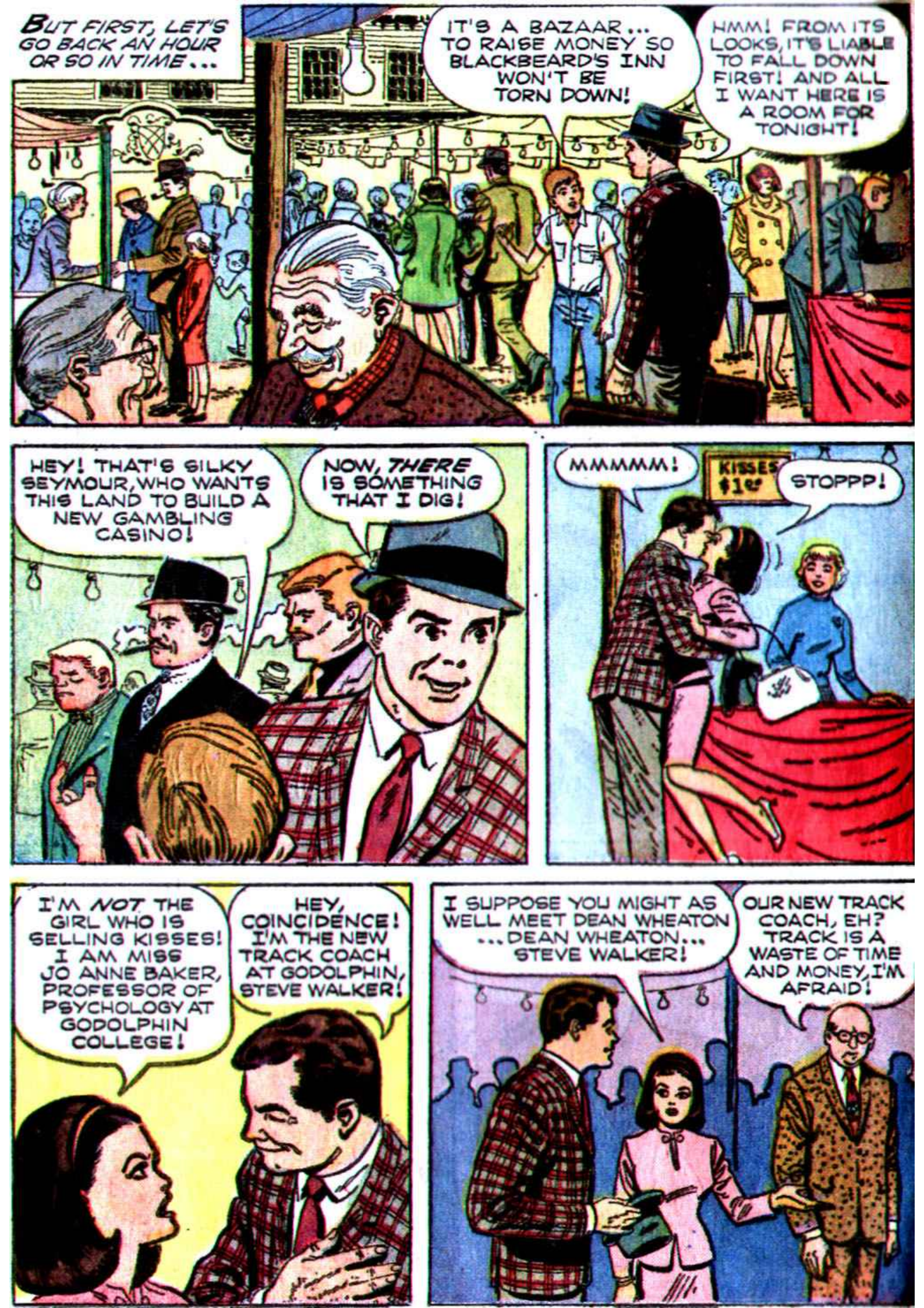
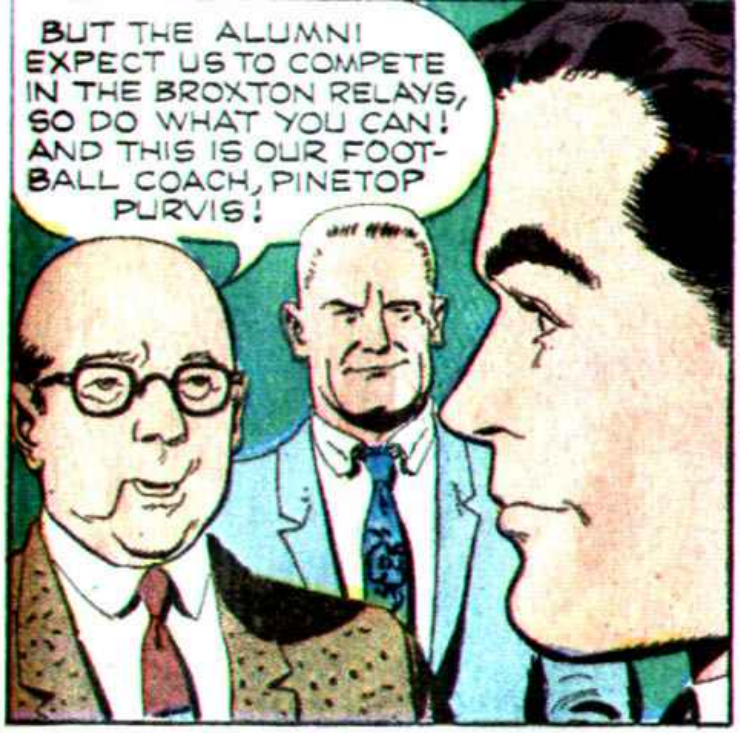

BUT FIRST, LET'S GO BACK AN HOUR OR SO IN TIME...
IT'S A BAZAAR... TO RAISE MONEY SO BLACKBEARD'S INN WON'T BE TORN DOWN!
HMM! FROM ITS LOOKS, IT'S LIABLE TO FALL DOWN FIRST! AND ALL I WANT HERE IS A ROOM FOR TONIGHT!
HEY! THAT'S SILKY SEYMOUR, WHO WANTS THIS LAND TO BUILD A NEW GAMBLING CASINO!
NOW, THERE IS SOMETHING THAT I DIG!
MMMMMM!
KISSES $1¢
STOPPP!
I'M NOT THE GIRL WHO IS SELLING KISSES! I AM MISS JO ANNE BAKER, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT GODOLPHIN COLLEGE!
HEY, COINCIDENCE! I'M THE NEW TRACK COACH AT GODOLPHIN, STEVE WALKER!
I SUPPOSE YOU MIGHT AS WELL MEET DEAN WHEATON ...DEAN WHEATON... STEVE WALKER!
OUR NEW TRACK COACH, EH? TRACK IS A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY, I'M AFRAID!


BUT THE ALUMNI EXPECT US TO COMPETE IN THE BROXTON RELAYS, SO DO WHAT YOU CAN! AND THIS IS OUR FOOTBALL COACH, PINETOP PURVIS!

NO TRACK COACH LASTS LONG AROUND HERE! FOOTBALL IS *THE* GAME AT GODOLPHIN, AND DON'T FORGET IT!
WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT!

COME ON, JO ANNE! I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME!
I *NEED* THIS JOB! BUT THEY'RE ALL PUTTING ME DOWN!

SHORTLY AT THE INN...
THIS IS THE ONLY ROOM AVAILABLE! IT WAS *HIS* ROOM! I DO HOPE HE WON'T BOTHER YOU!
HUH? WHO?

WHY, THE GHOST OF BLACKBEARD, OF COURSE! BUT HE USUALLY ONLY GROANS AND SIGHS! NOW, I MUST JOIN THE LADIES WHO OWN THE INN WITH ME, AND HELP WITH THE BAZAAR!

SUDDENLY, THUNDER BOOMS AND LIGHTNING FLASHES...
BARRR
STRANGE! THE SKY WAS CLEAR WHEN I CAME IN!

AND BLACKBEARD APPEARS...
OH, NO! THIS SORT OF THING DOESN'T HAPPEN! I'VE BEEN UNDER TOO MUCH OF A STRAIN...I'M DREAMING IT!

I'M REAL ENOUGH, MATEY! FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN IN LIMBO, BETWIXT EARTH AND...ER...SOMEWHERE ELSE...KEPT THERE BY A CURSE PUT ON ME BY MY WIFE! SHE WAS A WITCH!

I GROW A-WEARY OF MY CURSE! I WANT TO BE FREE AND I NEED YOUR HELP, LAD!
WHAT CAN I DO? YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GO ON GROANING AND MOANING AT PEOPLE!

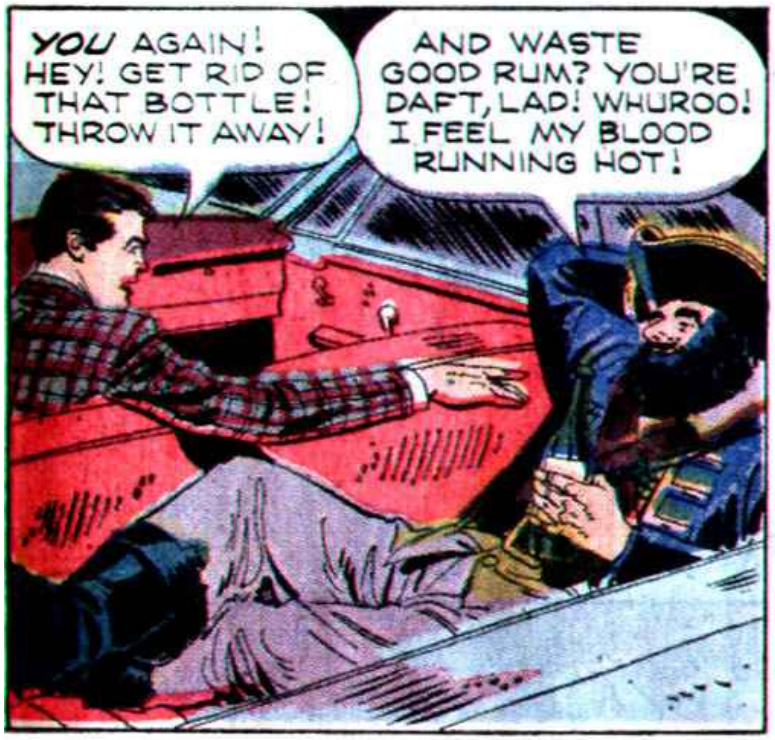
AS FOR ME, I'M GETTING OUT OF THIS PLACE!
WAIT! LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I MUST DO TO ESCAPE FROM LIMBO!

DEAR ME, THAT STRANGE LIGHTNING FLASH MUST HAVE PUT OUT SOME OF THE LIGHTS!
YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT, MA'AM!

SHE D-DIDN'T SEE YOU!
AYE! UNLESS I WISH TO APPEAR, NAUGHT CAN SEE ME! I'M AS INVISIBLE AS THE WIND OF THE SEA!

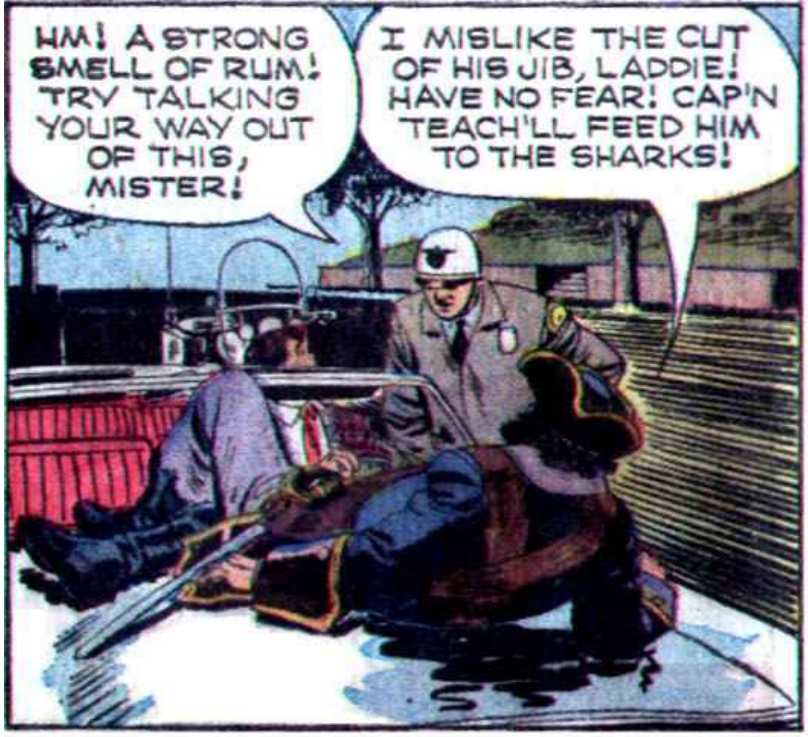
I'M STILL LEAVING! CRAWL BACK INTO THE WOODWORK, OR WHEREVER IT IS YOU CAME FROM!
BY BEELZEBUB'S NOSE! WHAT DO I SPY? RUM! I'LL JUST TAKE SOME ABOARD!

LATER...
WHEW! I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER! AND IT DIDN'T REALLY HAPPEN, OF COURSE! I ALMOST BELIEVED THERE *WAS* A PIRATE!
YOU'RE A RARE HARD ONE TO CONVINCE, MATEY!


YOU AGAIN! HEY! GET RID OF THAT BOTTLE! THROW IT AWAY!
AND WASTE GOOD RUM? YOU'RE DAFT, LAD! WHUROO! I FEEL MY BLOOD RUNNING HOT!

GIVE ME THE HELM OF THIS STRANGE CRAFT! WE'LL RAM ALL SHIPS THAT CROSS OUR BOW! *EEEE-HO!*
CUT THAT OUT, BEFORE YOU SMASH US UP!

SIRENS! NOW YOU'VE DONE IT! THERE'S A MOTOR COP. AFTER US!
HOIST THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES! STAND BY TO REPEL BOARDERS! AVAST, THE SWAB!
ARoooo-ooo!


HM! A STRONG SMELL OF RUM! TRY TALKING YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS, MISTER!
I MISLIKE THE CUT OF HIS JIB, LADDIE! HAVE NO FEAR! CAP'N TEACH'LL FEED HIM TO THE SHARKS!

UNSEEN BY THE POLICEMAN, BLACKBEARD ACTS...
OFFICER, I KNOW YOU WON'T BELIEVE ME, BUT...
SAVE IT! I'M TAKING YOU IN!

BLAM! BLAM!
WHAT...? YEOW! HELP!

BRRROOARRR!
MY MOTORCYCLE! IT STARTED BY ITSELF! THERE'S NOBODY ON IT!

IT'S RUNNING AWAY! STOP! COME BACK!

THIS IS MORE SPORT THAN RIDING A HUMP-BACKED WHALE IN A HURRICANE!
NOW IT'S CHASING ME! HALLLP!

ULP! I'VE FOUNDERED ON AN UN-CHARTED REEF!
I ALMOST WISH HE'D BREAK HIS NECK...BUT A GHOST CAN'T BREAK ANY-THING!

THAT SHOOK ME FROM GIBLETS TO PIG-TAILS!
I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED! EVERY COP IN THE COUNTY WILL PROBABLY SOON BE HERE!
WHEEE!

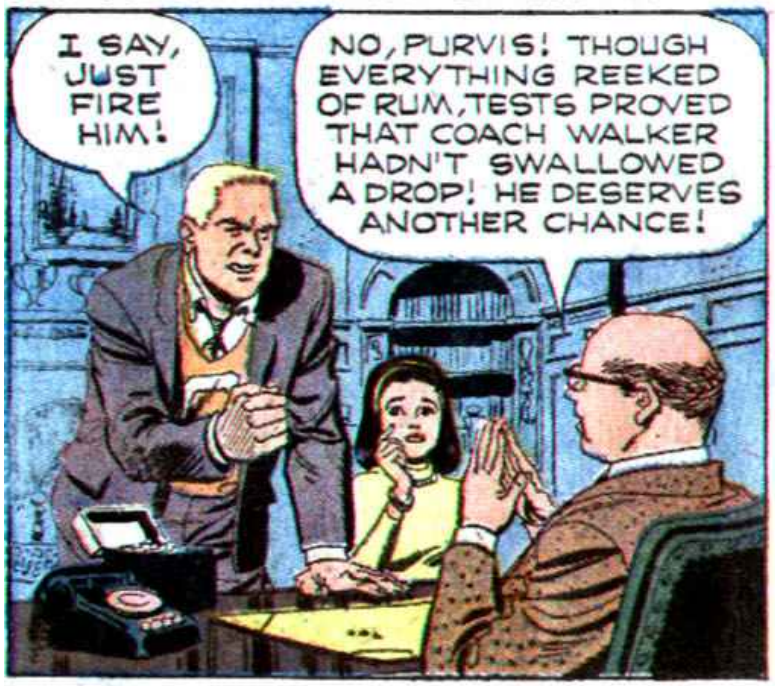
THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
BE OF GOOD CHEER, LAD! I NEVER DESERT A SHIPMATE!
THIS IS JUST GREAT! MY FIRST MORNING ON MY NEW JOB...AND I'M IN JAIL!

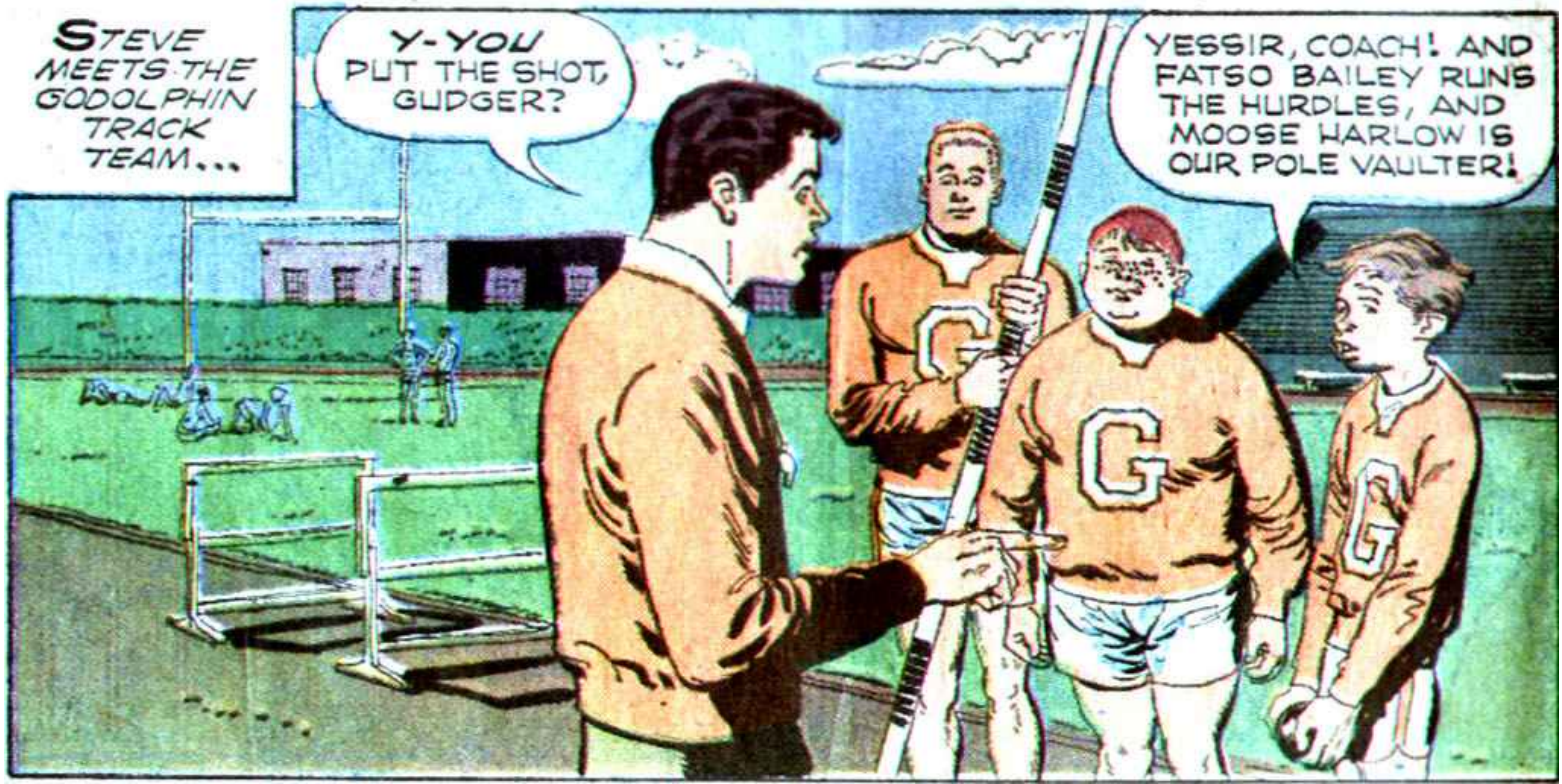
YOU NEED HELP, THE WAY YOU GET IN TROUBLE, LAD!

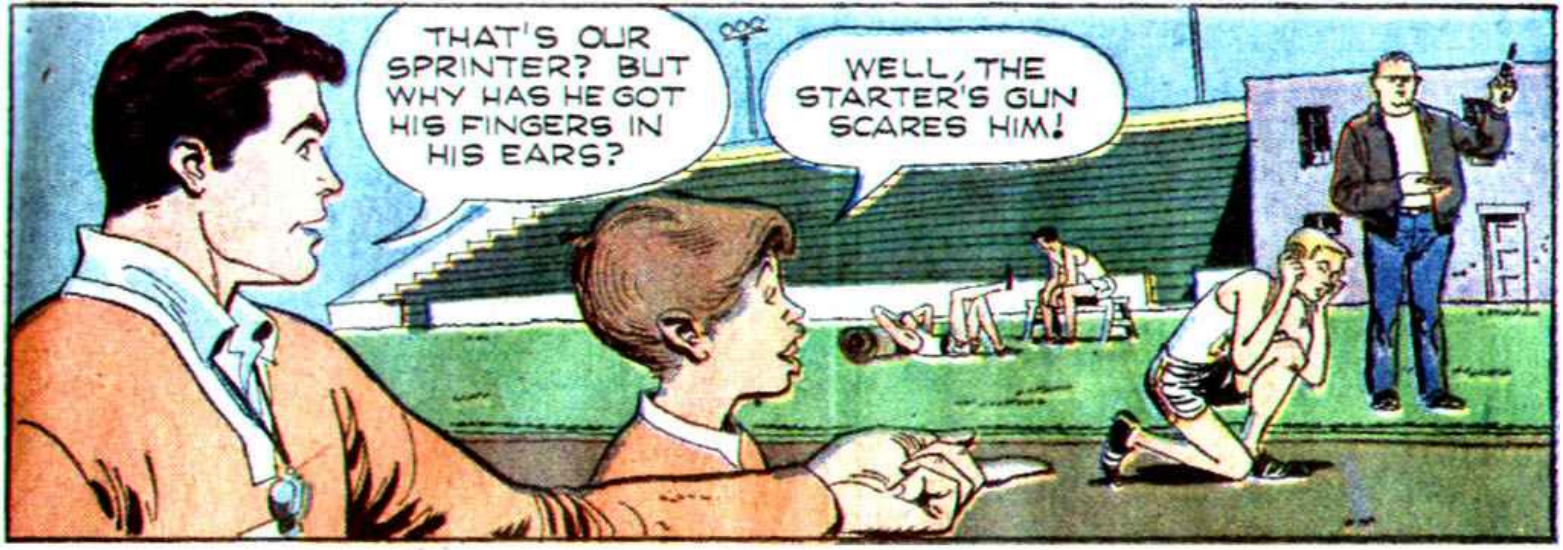
THERE WASN'T ANY TROUBLE UNTIL YOU CAME ALONG!

GET ME OUT OF HERE! LOCK ME UP IN SOLITARY... THROW AWAY THE KEY...!
KNOCK IT OFF! YOU'RE BEING RELEASED... FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE!

AT DEAN WHEATON'S OFFICE...






THAT'S OUR SPRINTER? BUT WHY HAS HE GOT HIS FINGERS IN HIS EARS?
WELL, THE STARTER'S GUN SCARES HIM!

THIS IS AWFUL! I COULDN'T BEAT THE CAMPFIRE GIRLS WITH THIS TEAM!
NEED SOME HELP, MATEY?

I COULD MAKE YOUR BOYS RUN AND JUMP GOOD! I'VE GOT WAYS, SINCE NOBODY CAN SEE ME BUT YOU!
NO!...YOU BEAT IT! GET LOST!

I'LL HELP YOU, LAD... AND HELP MESELF AT THE SAME TIME! BECAUSE IF I DO A GOOD DEED FOR SOMEBODY, I'LL BE FREE OF MY CURSE!

IF THAT'S SO, GO AND HELP THE OLD LADIES WHO OWN THE INN! FIND SOME WAY TO SAVE IT FROM SILKY SEYMOUR!
AYE! AND HOW DO I DO THAT?

GET SOME MONEY FOR THEM! GIVE THEM THE TREASURE THAT EVERYBODY SAYS YOU BURIED SOMEWHERE!
BUT THERE ISN'T ANY TREASURE! NOT A DOUBLOON! I SPENT EVERY FARTHING OF IT ON SPREES AND SUCH!

IF IT'S MONEY THEY NEED, THOUGH, THERE BE WAYS OF GETTING HOLD OF THAT!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

YES, HE REALLY DOES NEED HELP! THERE HE IS...TALKING TO HIMSELF!
I MUST BEGIN WORK ON HIS CASE AT ONCE!

THAT NIGHT...
GEE, HAVING DINNER WITH YOU IS GREAT, JO ANNE! BUT WHY ARE WE DOING IT IN SILKY SEYMOUR'S GAMBLING CASINO?
BECAUSE HE ALSO SERVES THE BEST FOOD IN TOWN!
SILKY SEYMOUR

GAMBLING, IS IT? THAT GIVES ME A GREAT IDEA... IF I CAN ONLY GET MY HANDS ON SOME DOUBLOONS OR PIECES OF EIGHT...

IS YOUR... ER... FRIEND WITH US?
BLACKBEARD? I DON'T SEE HIM, BUT A STRONG SMELL OF RUM SAYS HE'S HERE, ALL RIGHT!

WOW! LOOK AT ALL THAT MONEY YOU'RE CARRYING!
I'LL BANK IT TOMORROW! IT'S THE $900 THAT THE LADIES AT BLACKBEARD'S INN MADE WITH THEIR CARNIVAL!

POOR DEARS, IT ISN'T NEARLY ENOUGH! THEY MUST RAISE $37,000 TO PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE ON THE INN!

BLACKBEARD IS INVISIBLE TO A WAITER...
EEEK! WHAT ON EARTH...?

BLACKBEARD! HE'S MEDDLING AGAIN! I DON'T SEE HIM, BUT I'M SURE HE'S HERE SOMEWHERE!
OH, STEVE, SIT DOWN! THAT WAITER JUST STUMBLED AND FELL!

AH, THE PLACE WHERE WAGERS ARE MADE! NOW, TO FIND A WAY TO LAY A SMALL WAGER!

SILKY, I FOUND THIS ON THE COUNTER, ALONG WITH THE DOUGH! OKAY TO BOOK THE BET?
OKAY! IT'S LIKE SANTA CLAUS HANDED US THE CASH!

WRITE OUT A SLIP AND LEAVE IT FOR THE KOOK TO PICK UP! THAT'S ONE BET WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO PAY OFF!

YOU MUST REALIZE THERE IS NO BLACKBEARD! IT IS ALL IN YOUR IMAGINATION!
OH, FORGET ABOUT HIM! LET'S TALK ABOUT US!

LATER, STEVE! AND I INSIST ON PAYING MY SHARE OF THE CHECK, AND...

THE MONEY!...IT'S GONE! THIS IS IN ITS PLACE! "$900, GODOLPHIN TO WIN BROXTON RELAYS AT ODDS 50 TO 1!"
THAT'S A BETTING SLIP!

GODOLPHIN DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING! HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?
ME? BUT I DIDN'T...!

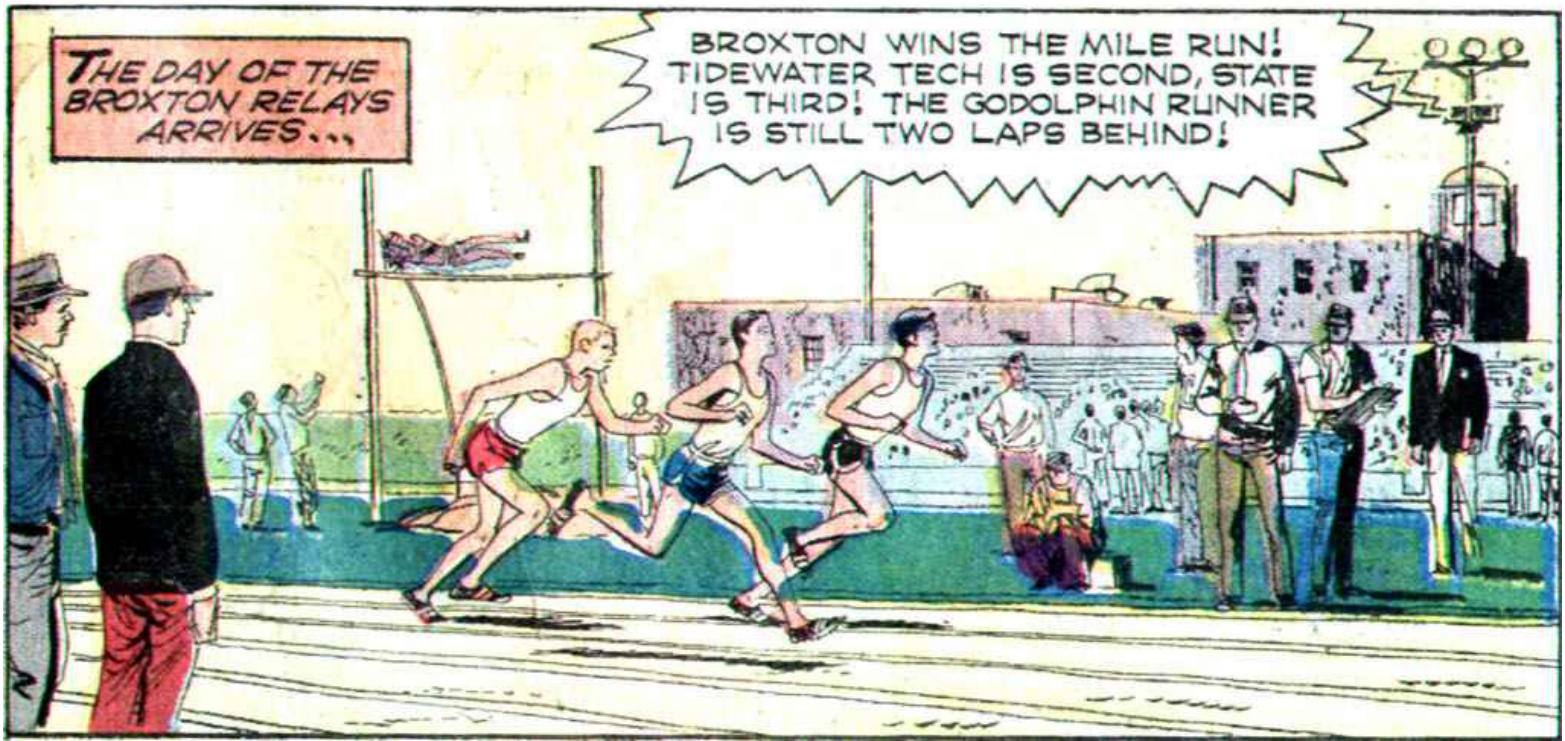
WHO ELSE COULD HAVE DONE IT? AND DON'T YOU DARE SPEAK OF BLACKBEARD! IN FACT, DON'T SPEAK TO ME AGAIN, PERIOD!
JO ANNE... WAIT...

MEANWHILE...
THAT B-BOTTLE OF RUM... IT'S FLOATING AWAY!

AGAIN... THE WAITER COLLIDES WITH THE INVISIBLE BLACKBEARD...
OOF!

SO, THERE YOU ARE! I KNEW YOU WERE AROUND! JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON YOU...
TALKING TO HIMSELF! HE MUST BE OFF HIS ROCKER! YELL FOR THE BOUNCERS!

AND STAY OUT!
HMM! MAYHAP I HAD BETTER WAIT A WHILE BEFORE APPROACHING THE LAD AGAIN!

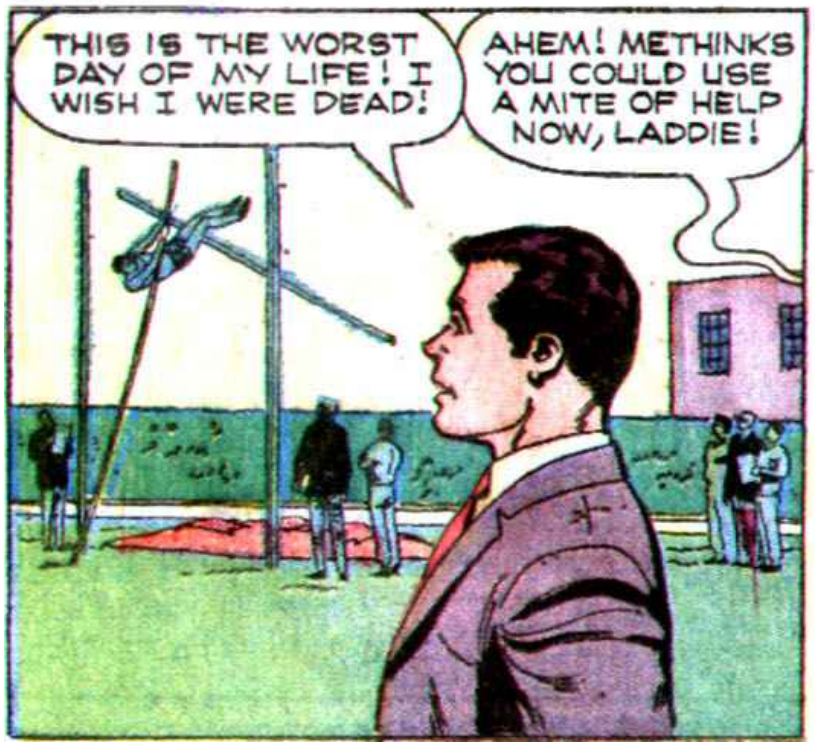

THE DAY OF THE BROXTON RELAYS ARRIVES...
BROXTON WINS THE MILE RUN! TIDEWATER TECH IS SECOND, STATE IS THIRD! THE GODOLPHIN RUNNER IS STILL TWO LAPS BEHIND!

THIS IS TERRIBLE! GOLOLPHIN HASN'T SCORED A SINGLE POINT!
WE WON'T, EITHER! I'LL SAY IT AGAIN ...GET RID OF THAT STUPE WALKER AND FORGET ABOUT TRACK!

I'M AFRAID I AM BEGINNING TO AGREE!
I WAS HOPING THERE MIGHT BE A MIRACLE, SOMEHOW, FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE DEAR OLD LADIES . . . AND FOR STEVE, TOO!

THE LADIES OF BLACK-BEARD'S INN ARE ALSO PRESENT...
STRIVE BRAVELY, GODOLPHIN!
RAH-RAH... ER... RAH!
GODOLPHIN
GODOLPHIN

SO IS SILKY SEYMOUR...
BOSS, THAT BET IS REALLY IN THE BAG!
YEAH! THE EASIEST NINE HUNDRED BUCKS I EVER PICKED UP!


THIS IS THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE! I WISH I WERE DEAD!
AHEM! METHINKS YOU COULD USE A MITE OF HELP NOW, LADDIE!

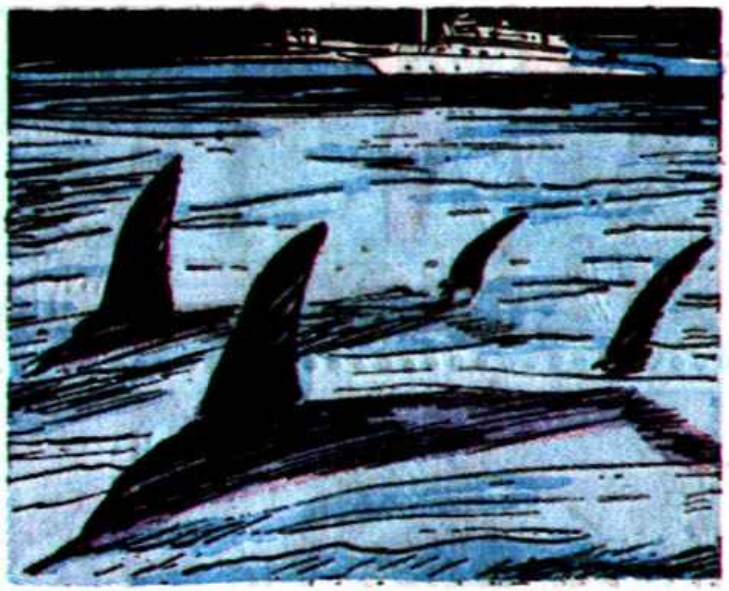
I THOUGHT THINGS COULDN'T GET WORSE, BUT THEY HAVE! GO AWAY!
AH, NO! 'TIS TIME TO HELP YOU, IN SPITE OF YOURSELF! AND...THE OLD LADIES, ALSO!
CONTINUED...

KEYS OF KNOWLEDGE

SWORDFISH

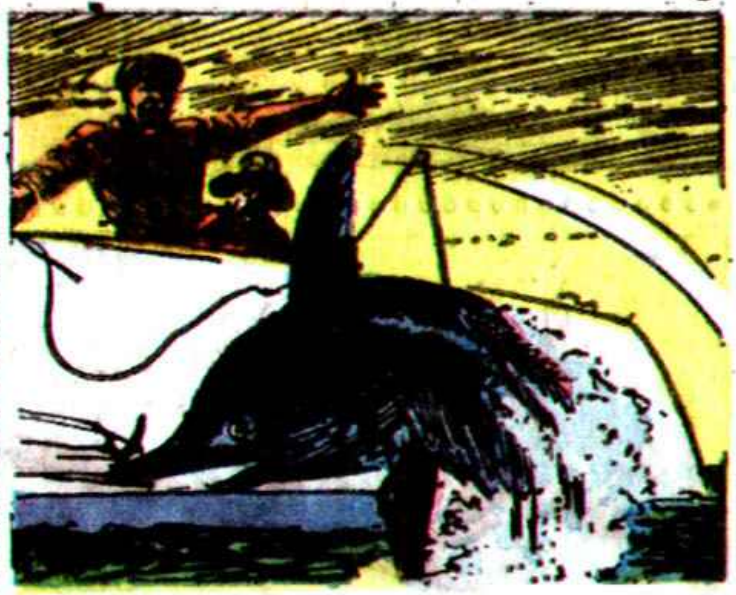
Nature equips the Swordfish with a sharp bill, which serves as a formidable weapon. If it breaks off, the fish is defenseless.

Swordfish weigh as much as 1000 lbs. and reach lengths of 15 feet. They are found in warm waters throughout the world.



After gorging themselves on mackerel, herring, flying fish or squid, they sleep in the sun with their tail and dorsal fin showing.

The Swordfish is considered by big game anglers to be the world's greatest game fish. It has pluck, cleverness, speed and size.



Caught with line or by harpoon, he's a real fighter. An enraged swordfish can shatter the heavy planking of a boat's hull.

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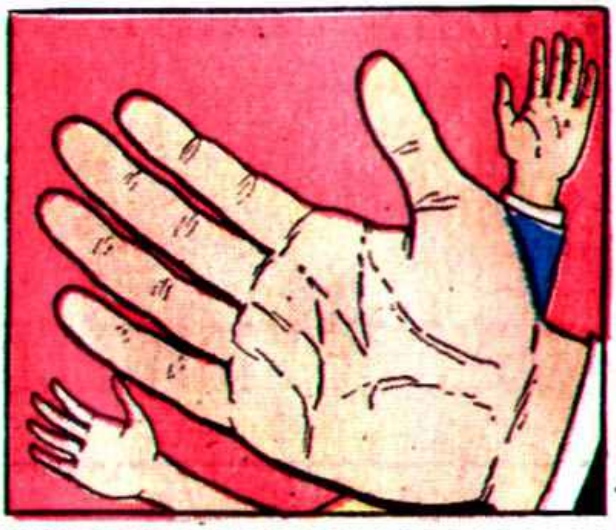
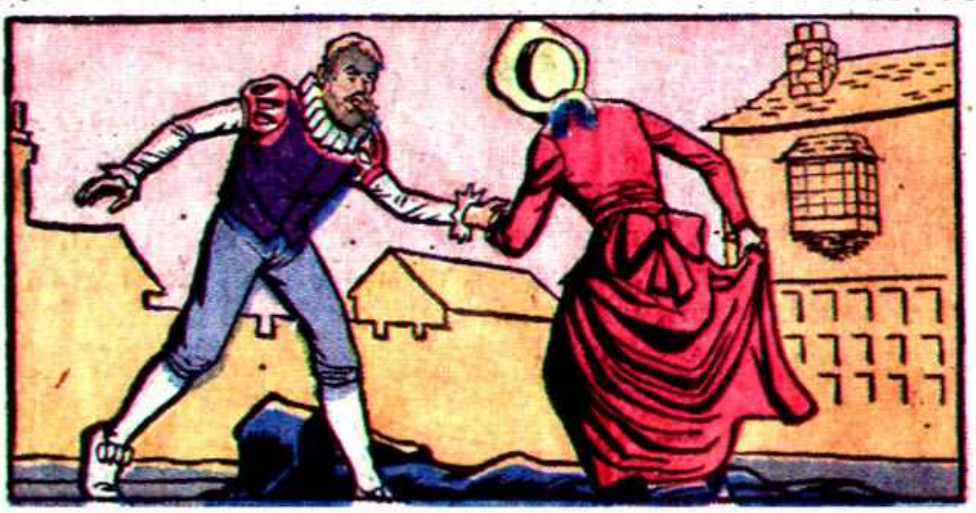
HAND

The end part of the arm, specifically in man and apes.



A round of applause, such as giving an actor a hand.



A means of assistance – lending a hand.

A member of a ship's crew. A well-known expression is "All hands on deck."

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Jest for Fun

Father: Why are you always at the bottom of the class?
Son: It doesn't matter, Dad. They teach the same thing at both ends.

Mother (phoning storekeeper): I sent my boy for two pounds of cookies, but you only sent a pound.
Storekeeper: My scales are all right—have you weighed your boy?

Diner: Waiter, that object in my soup looks like a cufflink.
Waiter: Thank you, sir, I've been looking all over for it.

Driving Instructor: After parking your car, you must always remember to put on the brake.
Lady Beginner: But I thought it came with the car.

Office Boy: Why is the boss yelling so loudly?
Secretary: He's talking to a customer in Paris.
Office Boy: Well, why doesn't he use the telephone?

Teacher: What is one-half of one-eighth?
Pupil: I don't really know, but it can't be very much.

Visiting Aunt: Well, Larry, what are you going to give your little brother this Christmas?
Larry: I don't know yet — last year I gave him the measles.

Science Teacher: Jones, what is a nitrate?
Jones: A telegram that's cheaper than a day rate.

Hotel Clerk: Breakfast is served between 7 and 10, lunch between 12 and 3 and dinner between 5 and 10.
Visitor: That doesn't leave me much time to see the town.

Riddle: What is the largest room in the world?
Answer: The room for improvement.

Mother: Young man, there were three pieces of cake in the pantry and now there's only one. Can you explain that?
Son: It was so dark in there I didn't see the other piece.

Visitor from city: Is that bull safe?
Farmer: He's a lot safer than you are right now.

Teacher: Johnny, will you tell us about the Battle of Bunker Hill?
Johnny: Well, it wasn't fought on the level.

Riddle: Why does a room get larger when people enter it?
Answer: Because there are more feet in it.

Dad: Son, everytime a boy is naughty he gives his father a gray hair.
Son: Gosh, you must have been a terror — grandpa's hair is all gray.

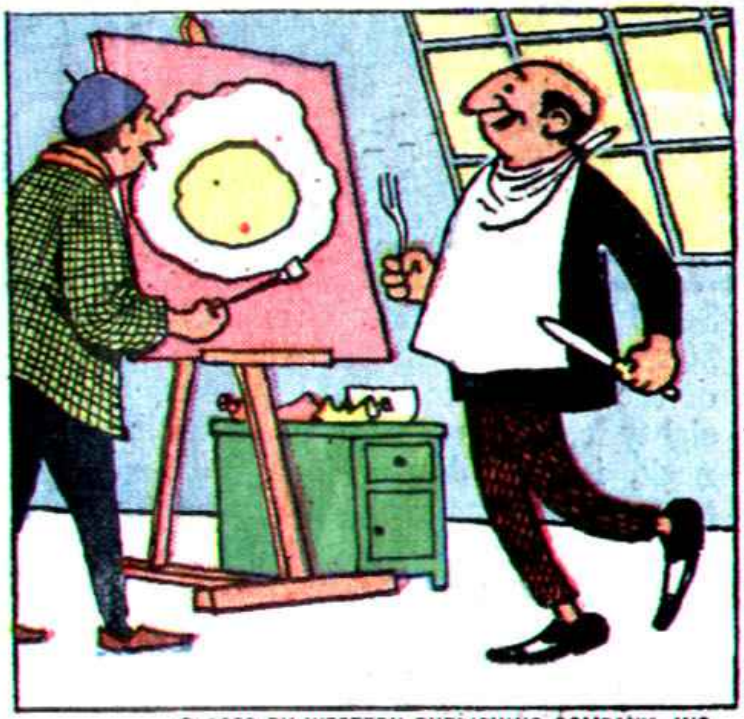
Angry Diner: Waiter, this food is terrible. Tell the chef I want to see him.
Waiter: It's no use — he won't eat it either.

Riddle: What did the farmer do when he slipped off the barn?
Answer: He hit the hay.

Office Manager: The man we want to hire must be responsible.
Young Man: I'm your man. Whenever something went wrong in the place I worked before, I was responsible.

Riddle: What part of a fish weighs the most?
Answer: The scales.

Art Patron: What a realistic painting. It makes my mouth water.
Artist: How can a sunset make your mouth water?
Art Patron: Oh, I thought it was a fried egg.



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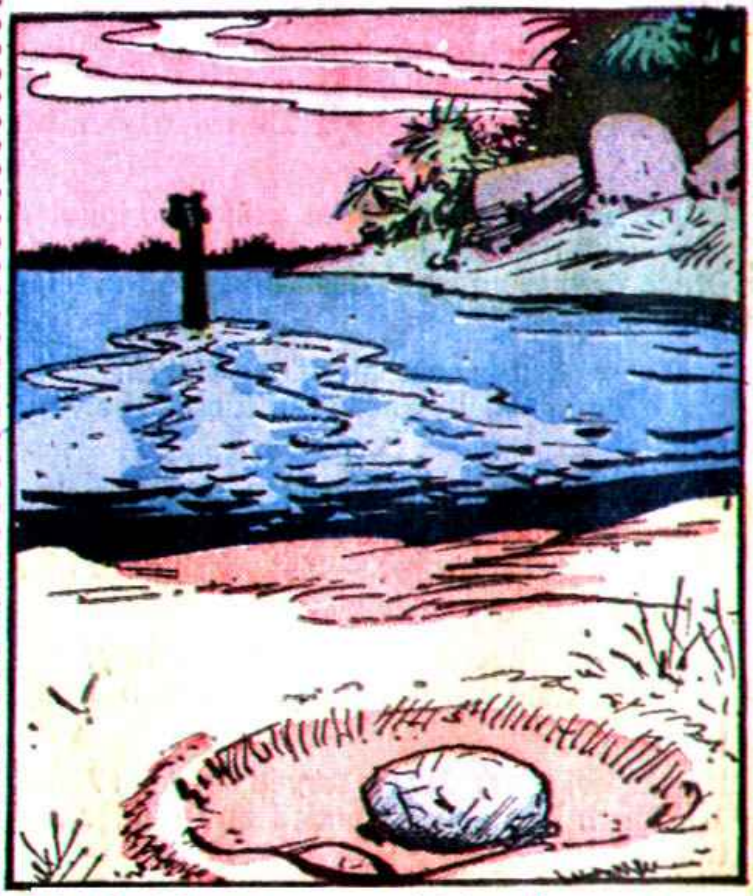
DINOSAURIA

BRACHIOSAURUS

Some hundred million years ago, this huge fifty-ton dinosaur lived in and by the swamps of the prehistoric world. Measuring over eighty feet from nose to tail, with its great neck, it towered over forty feet high! Its tremendous legs were shorter in back, letting the tail and rear sink down as it progressed. Because of water's natural buoyancy, the giant dinosaur was able to move about easily in swamps, its tail helping to propel it along. The Latin name for this bulky dinosaur means "arm lizard."

The brachiosaurus' elevated nostrils permitted it to breathe with its head just above the surface of the water.



Hatched from an egg weighing about a mere two pounds, by maturity the brachiosaurus' weight increased 50,000 times and its length 60-fold.

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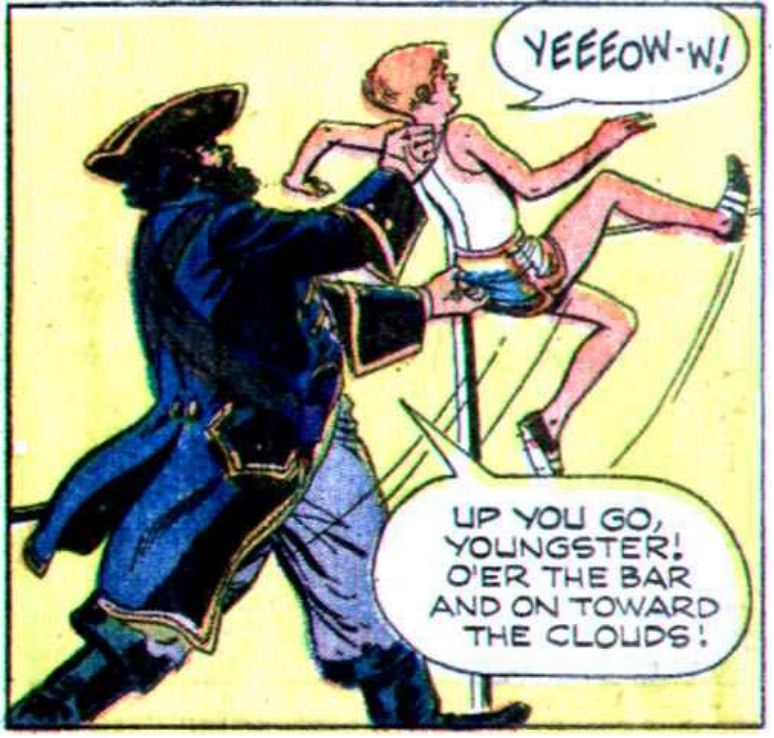
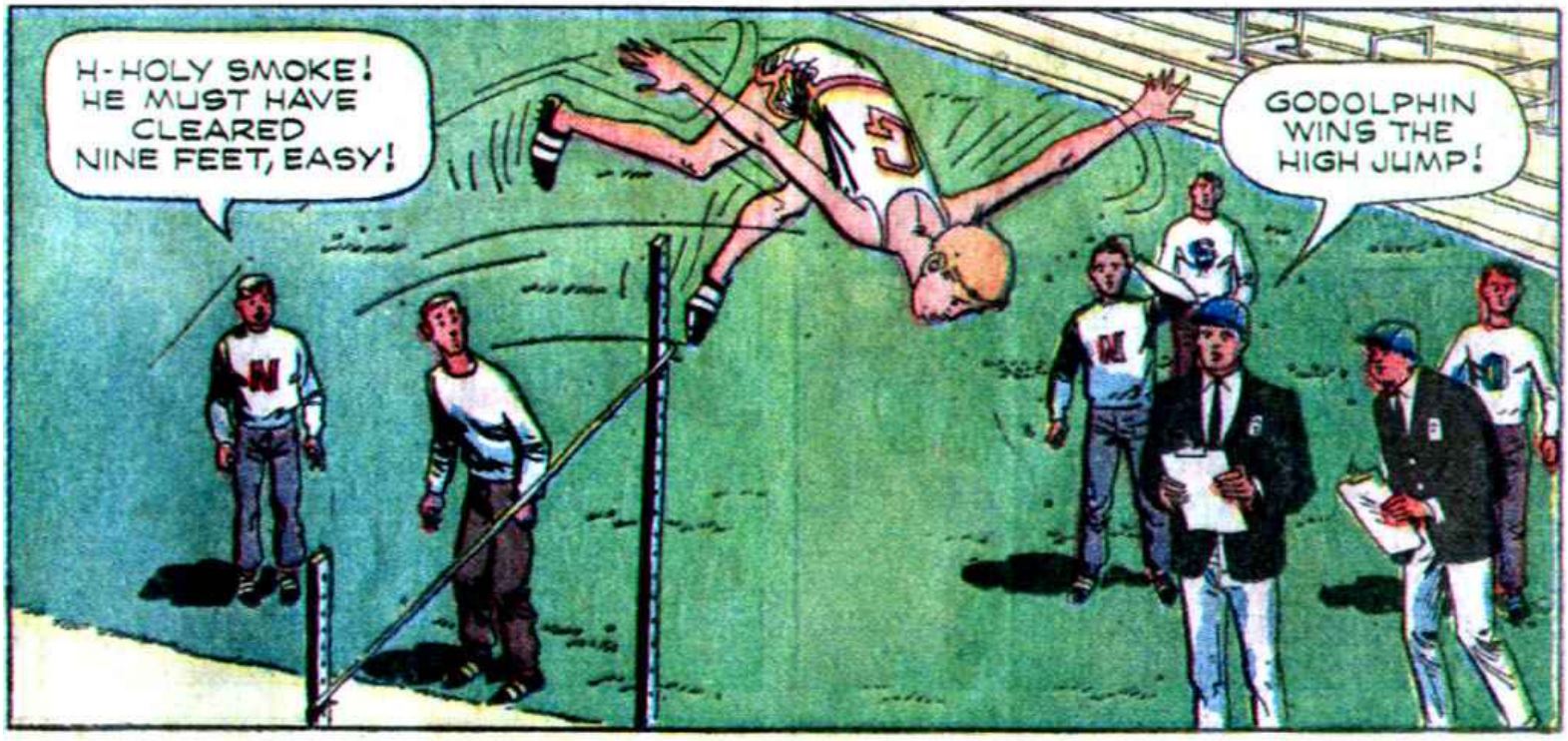
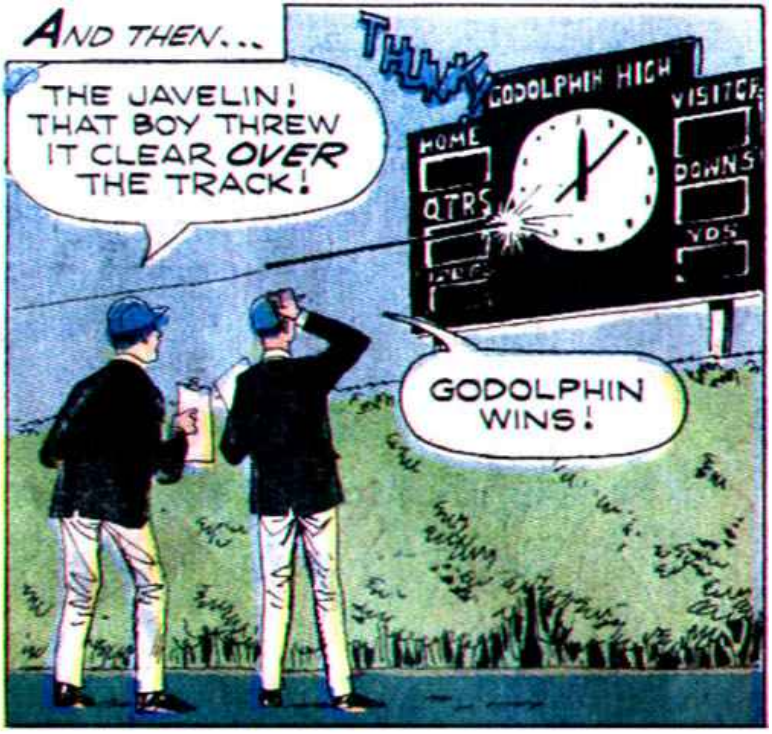
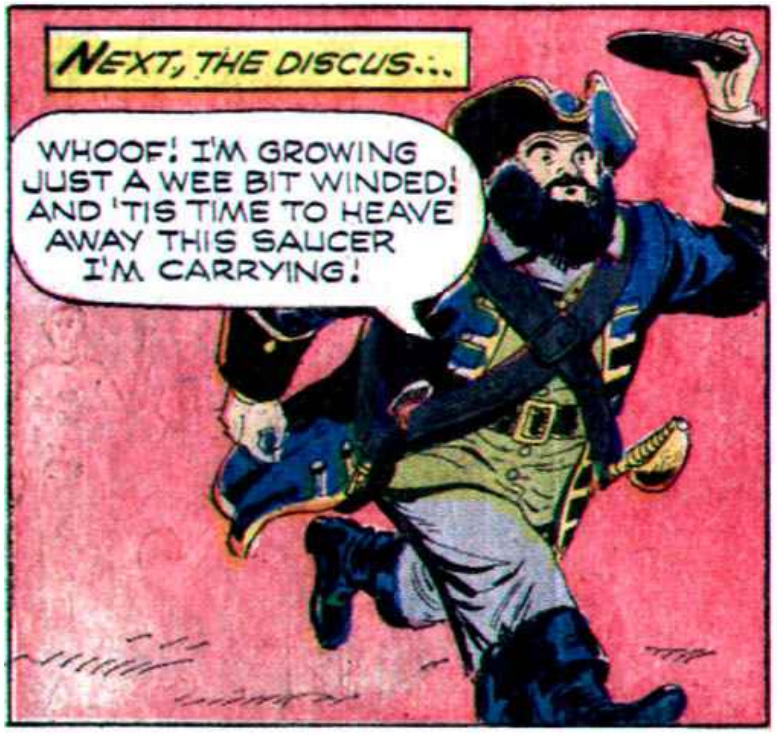


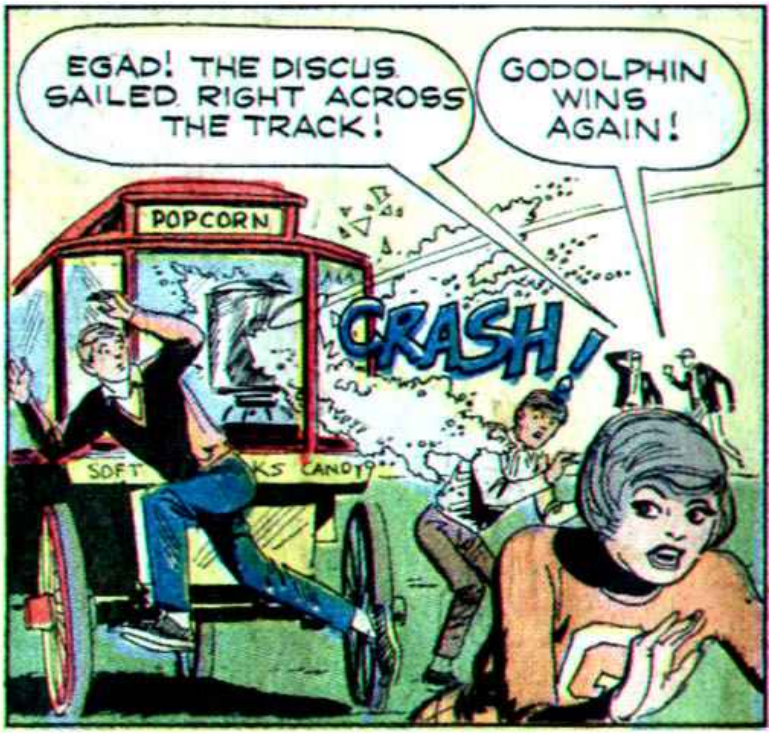


BLACKBEARD RUNS TO THE SHOT-PUT CIRCLE...

IT MUST BE A NEW WORLD'S RECORD!
GODOLPHIN WINS THE SHOT-PUT!
THUD!


AND THEN...
THE JAVELIN! THAT BOY THREW IT CLEAR OVER THE TRACK!
THUNK
GODOLPHIN HIGH
HOME
QTRS
DOWNS
YDS
GODOLPHIN WINS!


NEXT, THE DISCUS...
WHOOF! I'M GROWING JUST A WEE BIT WINDED! AND 'TIS TIME TO HEAVE AWAY THIS SAUCER I'M CARRYING!


EGAD! THE DISCUS SAILED RIGHT ACROSS THE TRACK!
GODOLPHIN WINS AGAIN!
POPCORN
CRASH!
SOFT
CANDY

WHOOPEE!
WE'RE NOW TIED WITH BROXTON FOR FIRST PLACE! WE MIGHT WIN THE MEET!
AH... BALONEY!

THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF FIX ON, BOSS!
YEAH? WELL, TELL ME HOW IT IS BEING WORKED! HUH? TELL ME!

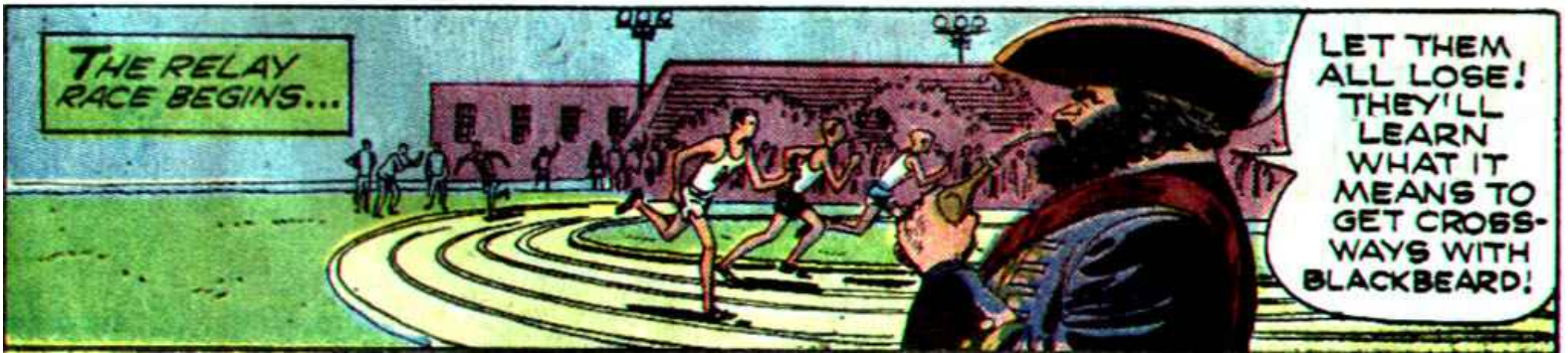
WELL...(PUFF)... ARE YE SATISFIED WITH MY EFFORTS, LADDIE?
NO! ALL YOU'RE DOING IS CHEATING! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP!

WHY, YOU YOUNG INGRATE! I'M GIVING YOU ALL THAT YOU WANT!
I DON'T WANT IT THAT WAY! DO YOU HEAR ME? QUIT MEDDLING!

SO BE IT! I'LL BOTHER YOU NO MORE!
ER...WAIT! I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS! IT'S JUST THAT...

HEY! LET ME GO! I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF MORE THINGS TO TELL HIM!
EASY, COACH! YOU'RE A LITTLE UPSET...AND SEEING THINGS!

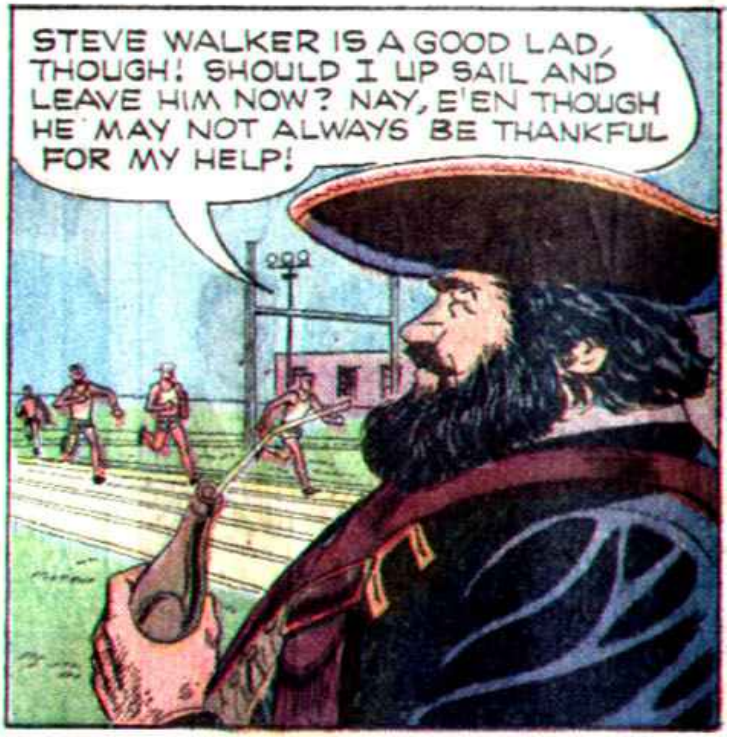
RUNNERS ON YOUR MARKS FOR THE LAST EVENT...THE MILE RELAY!
BAH! DO A GOOD DEED FOR SOMEBODY? WHO EVER DID A GOOD DEED FOR ME?

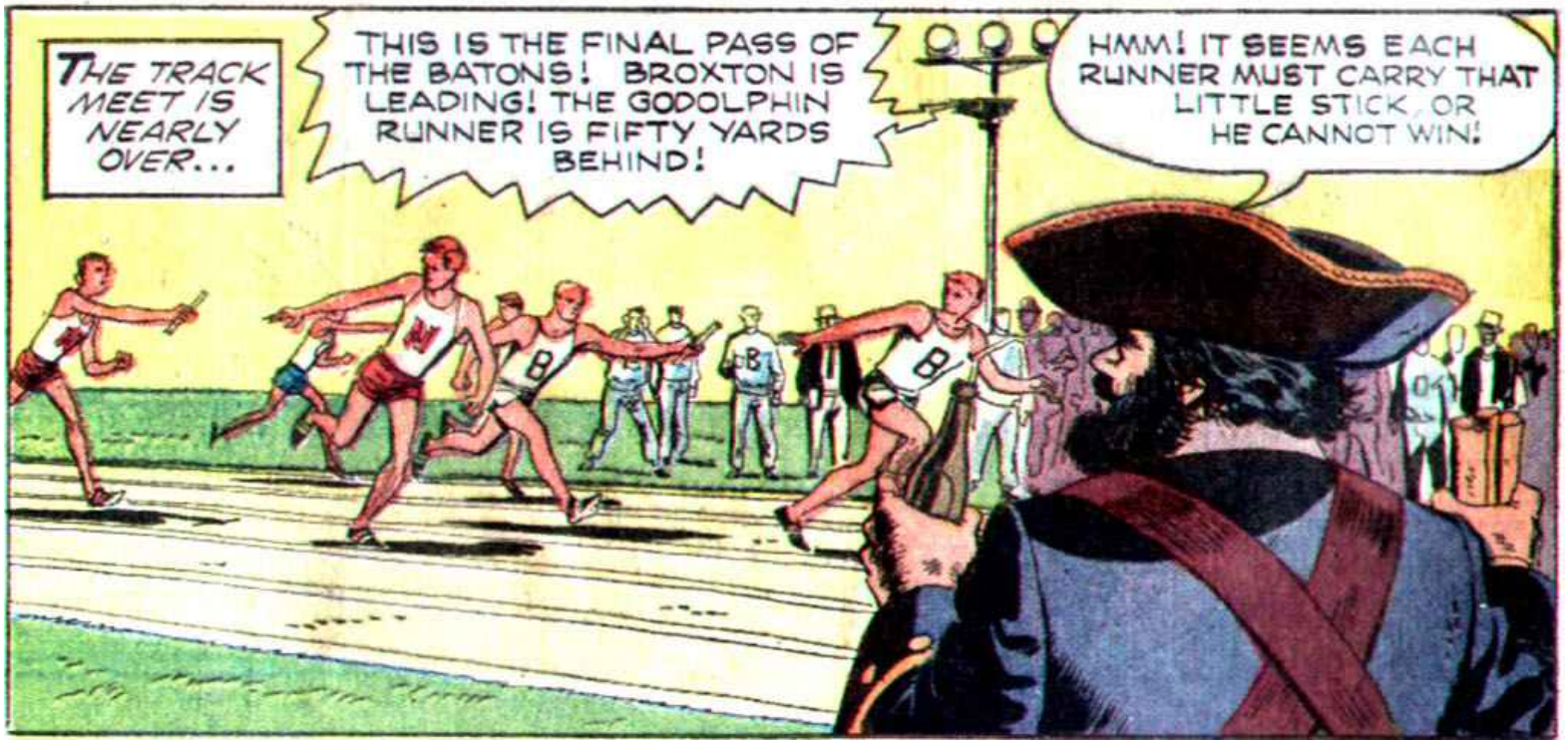

THE RELAY RACE BEGINS...
LET THEM ALL LOSE! THEY'LL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO GET CROSS-WAYS WITH BLACKBEARD!

I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM...I'VE GOT TO TALK WITH HIM!
HE'S BECOMING VIOLENT! MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL FOR HELP!

DEAR ME! WE'RE LOSING THE MILE RELAY!
AND THE M-MEET, TOO!
WELL, I TOLD YOU SO!

LET'S GO! THOSE RINKY-DINK GODOLPHIN JOKERS ARE FINISHED!
YEAH, BOSS!


STEVE WALKER IS A GOOD LAD, THOUGH! SHOULD I UP SAIL AND LEAVE HIM NOW? NAY, E'EN THOUGH HE MAY NOT ALWAYS BE THANKFUL FOR MY HELP!


THE TRACK MEET IS NEARLY OVER...
THIS IS THE FINAL PASS OF THE BATONS! BROXTON IS LEADING! THE GODOLPHIN RUNNER IS FIFTY YARDS BEHIND!
HMM! IT SEEMS EACH RUNNER MUST CARRY THAT LITTLE STICK, OR HE CANNOT WIN!

AN INSTANT LATER...
HOLD IT! YOU HAVEN'T GOT YOUR BATONS!

WHAT...? WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?
WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK!
GODOLPHIN

GIVE US OUR BATONS ...QUICK!
WE CAN STILL CATCH THAT GODOLPHIN RUNNER BEFORE THE FINISH LINE!

AS THE MILE RELAY NEARS ITS END...
THE BOY IS FLOUNDERING! HE NEEDS MORE HELP ...OR HE'LL LOSE!

WHOOF! METHINKS I'M AT LEAST A HUNDRED YEARS TOO OLD FOR THIS SORT OF THING!
GODOLPHIN WINS...BOTH THE RACE AND THE BROXTON RELAYS!

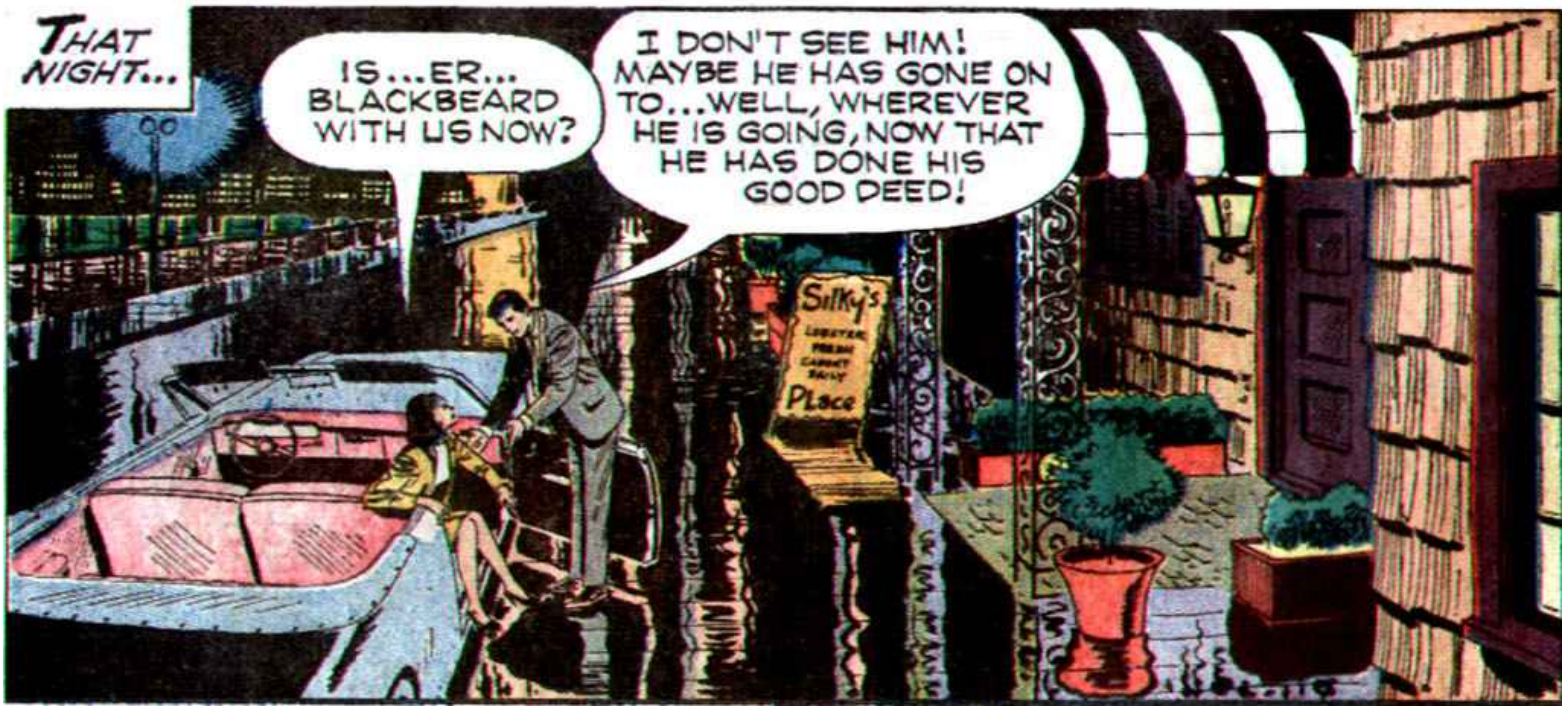
THE MIRACLE HAPPENED!
YEAH, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL OF IT!
WHO CARES? AND I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING... I NEVER DID REALLY LIKE FOOTBALL!

OH, JOY, MRS. STOWECROFT! THIS MEANS THAT THE INN IS SAVED, DOESN'T IT?
GO DOLPHIN
NOT YET, MY DEAR! WE MUST WAIT FOR WORD FROM PROFESSOR BAKER!

GEE, BOSS, WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT... ER... THAT BET? ARE YOU GONNA PAY UP?
SHUT UP! I'VE GOT SOME THINKING TO DO!

STEVE, I FEEL SO HAPPY FOR YOU!
THAT PIRATE! HE CHEATED! BUT HE DID HELP THE OLD LADIES!

THAT BETTING SLIP IS NOW WORTH FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! WE'RE GOING TO COLLECT, FROM MR. SILKY SEYMOUR!
GATE 5


THAT NIGHT...
IS...ER... BLACKBEARD WITH US NOW?
I DON'T SEE HIM! MAYBE HE HAS GONE ON TO...WELL, WHEREVER HE IS GOING, NOW THAT HE HAS DONE HIS GOOD DEED!
Silky's
Place

ME FORK OVER FORTY-FIVE GRAND? YOU MUST BE KIDDING! THERE WAS SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THAT TRACK MEET...
BUT YOU ACCEPTED THE OLD LADIES' MONEY! YOU'VE GOT TO PAY UP!

WELL, I'M BIG-HEARTED! HERE'S YOUR 900 BUCKS BACK! TAKE IT TO ONE OF MY TABLES... MAYBE YOU'LL WIN THE DOUGH YOU WANT!
WHY, YOU MISERABLE WELSHER!

LET ME GO, YOU CREEP, OR I'LL CLOBBER YOU!
BELAY SUCH TALK, LAD! TAKE THE MONEY FROM WHEY FACE, AND DO AS HE SAYS!

YOU AND THE LASS WILL WIN, AND YOU CAN LAY TO THAT!
OKAY, WE'LL DO IT!

NO! WE'LL ONLY LOSE THAT MONEY AND HAVE NOTHING!
GOOD LUCK, SUCKERS! YOU CAN USE THE PRIVATE BACK ROOM!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
JUST PUT YOUR MONEY ON A NUMBER! IF THE BALL DROPS IN THE SLOT WITH THAT NUMBER... YOU WIN!

NUMBER FIFTEEN WINS! PAY US!
THAT'S FUNNY! I THOUGHT IT STOPPED AT THIRTEEN!

OH, HOW WONDERFUL! WE WIN AGAIN!

DON'T BET ALL OF IT THIS TIME...JUST HALF!

ANOTHER WINNER! WE CAN'T LOSE!

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
THEY'VE WON ABOUT FIFTEEN GRAND ALREADY!
THE BOSS WANTS 'EM TO BE CLEANED OUT FAST! USE THE GAFF!

OH, THAT'S TOO BAD, FOLKS...YOU LOSE! BUT TRY AGAIN...NEXT TIME YOU'RE SURE TO WIN!
SSSSSST

SO...THIMBLE-RIGGING, IS IT, TO BOUNCE THE BALL OUT AFTER I PLACE IT IN THE WINNING SLOT! WELL, TWO CAN PLAY THIS GAME!
SSST
YOU LOSE AGAIN!
I'LL JUST DO THIS...AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
YEEEOWW!
WE WIN AGAIN!
AND, AFTER ONLY SEVERAL MORE MINUTES...
STEVE, WE CAN'T STOP! WE'LL SOON BE RICH!
NO! WE'VE WON ENOUGH FOR THE OLD LADIES... AND WE'RE LEAVING!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH THAT DOUGH! HAND IT OVER OR YOU DON'T WALK OUT OF HERE!
WE'RE WALKING OUT RIGHT NOW... WITH THE MONEY!
WELL, YOU ASKED FOR IT, AND YOU'RE GONNA GET IT... RIGHT NOW!

HAND IT OVER OR WE'LL BLAST YOU!
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR GUNS?

THWACCKK
WHAT IN THUNDER...! STOP! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH MY MONEY!

SILKY SEYMOUR RUNS INTO AN INVISIBLE FIST...
HER-WHAMMM!

AH! 'TWERE GOOD TO USE MY FISTS AGAIN! BUT I'VE GOT TO JOIN THE LASS AND LAD BEFORE I'M OUT OF LIMBO AT LAST!
CLANKETY CLANK CRASH!

MEANWHILE...
WE'RE HEADING THE WRONG WAY, STEVE!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT... AND THERE'S A BOAT! WE'LL CROSS THE COVE TO THE INN, USING THAT!

PLEASE, MR. AINSWORTH! PROFESSOR BAKER SAID SHE WOULD BE HERE!
SORRY, LADIES! THE MORTGAGE IS DUE AT MIDNIGHT! IF IT ISN'T PAID, I'LL THEN HAVE TO ACCEPT MR. SEYMOUR'S OFFER FOR THE INN!

BRRRTT!
HERE SHE COMES NOW! GIVE US ANOTHER MINUTE!
WELL... THIRTY SECONDS, THEN!

HOLD EVERYTHING! WE'VE GOT THE MONEY ...EVERY LAST CENT OF IT!
WHISSSSHH!

YOU SHALL HAVE THE HONOR OF BURNING THE MORTGAGE, MR. WALKER!
WAIT! LISTEN!

♪ HEARTS OF OAKK-K ARE OUR SHIPS... ♪
I HEAR HIM... BUT I DON'T SEE HIM!

LOOK! FOOTSTEPS APPEARING IN THE SAND! AND COMING TOWARD US!
I'VE GOT A SUDDEN HUNCH THAT WE MIGHT SOON HEAR SOME THUNDER!

IT IS HIM...I MEAN HE!
BAROOMMMM!

YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT, MA'AMS... CAP'N EDWARD TEACH, KNOWN IN SOME PARTS AS BLACKBEARD!
I'LL NEVER DISBELIEVE YOU AGAIN, STEVE!

YOU BURN THE MORTGAGE, BLACKBEARD!
THANKEE, LAD! I'LL ACCEPT THE HONOR AS THE LAST THING I'LL BE DOING IN THIS TIME OF YOURS!

ARE YOU SAYING GOOD-BYE?
AYE, SINCE I'M BOUND FOR PORTS FROM WHICH I WON'T BE RETURNING!

LOOK! IT'S A GHOST SHIP... ABOUT TO BEGIN A GHOSTLY VOYAGE!
AHOY, YOU LUBBERS ON BOARD! HOIST SAIL! SMARTLY, OR I'LL FRY YOUR GIZZARDS!

AND SO, BLACKBEARD, THE PIRATE SAILS AGAIN...
SET COURSE FOR THE SPANISH MAIN!
YOU KNOW SOMETHING? I'M GOING TO MISS THE OLD SCOUNDREL!
YOU KNOW SOMETHING? EVEN WHEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE NUTS, I LOVED YOU!
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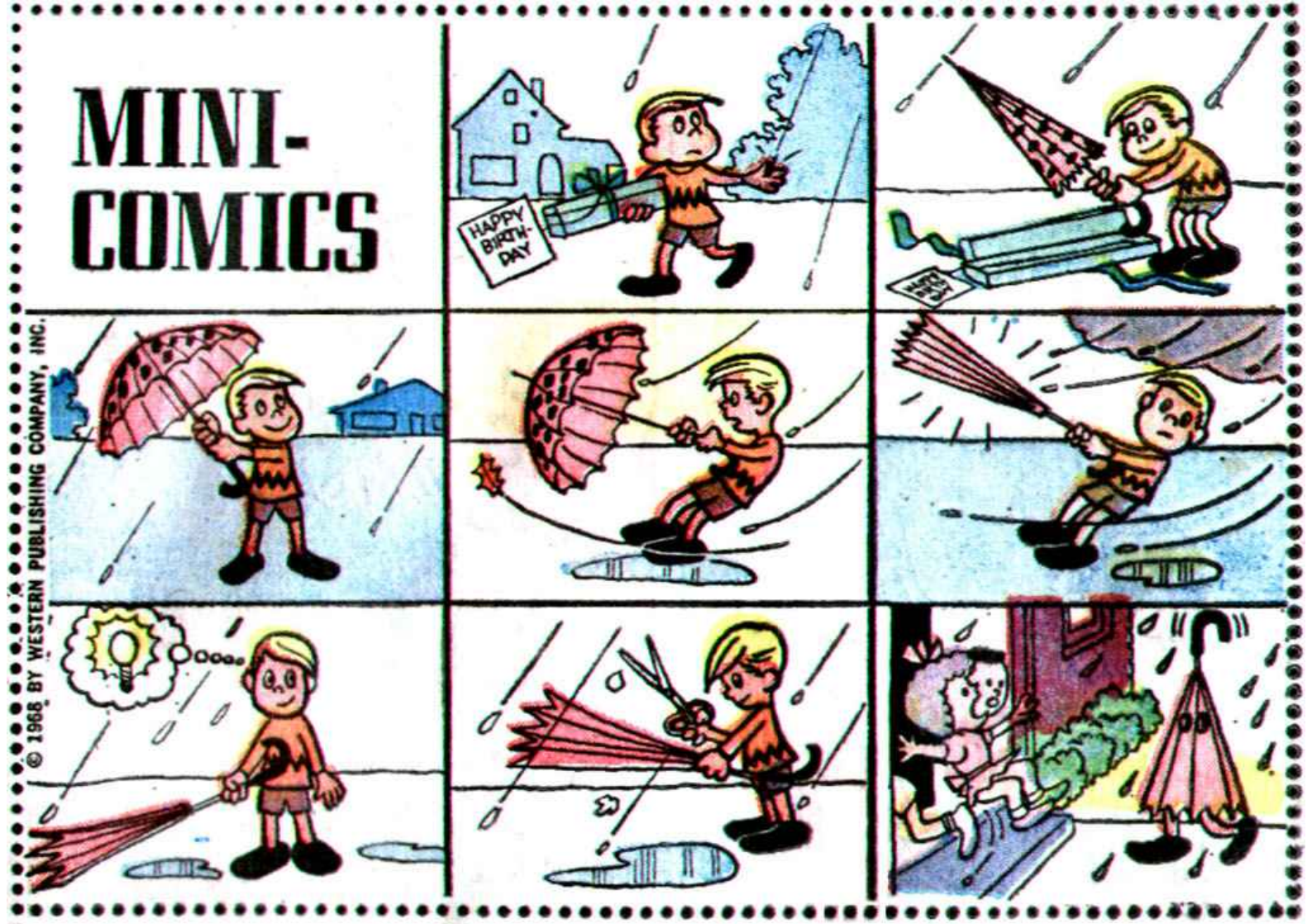

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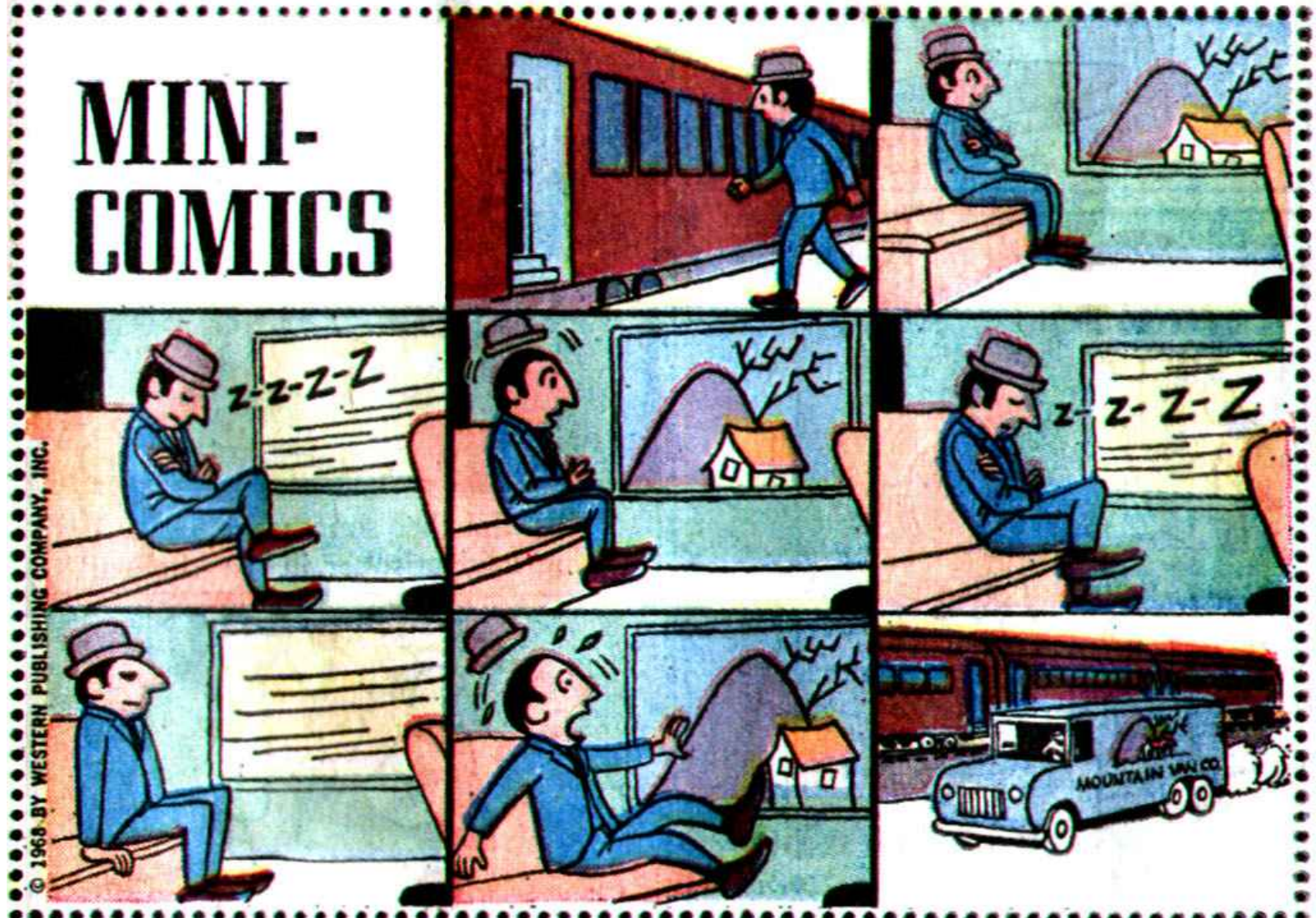

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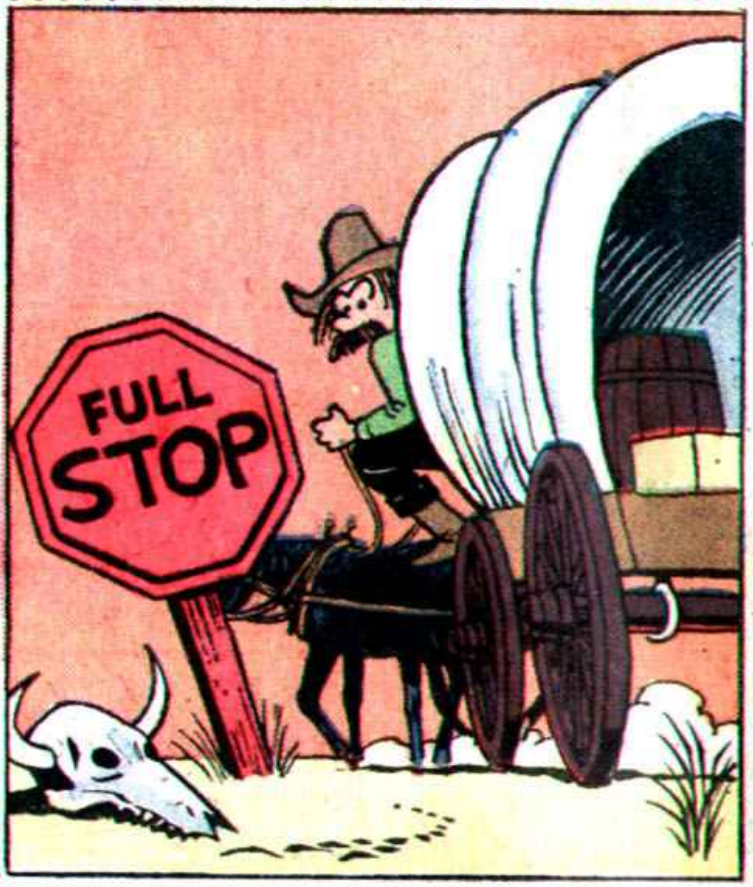

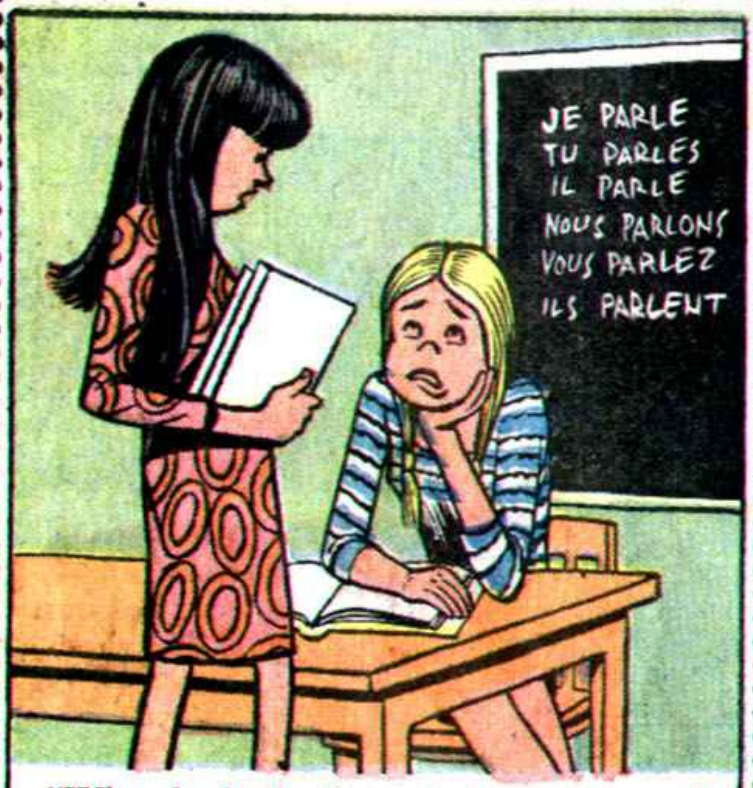

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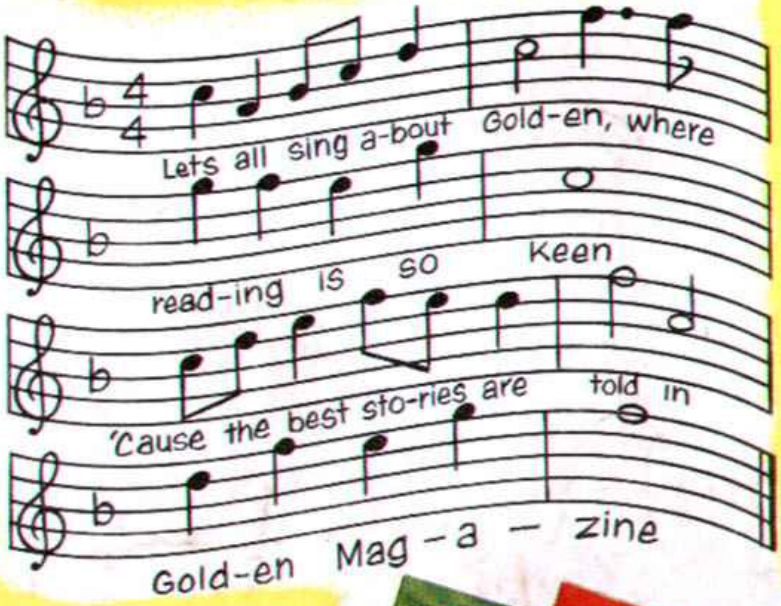

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